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BOE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

s on the ground floor of the chapel provide a meeting place where student leaders discuss and plan activities of religious and social
s on the campus. Still discussing the results of such a meeting as they leave the chapel are (left to right) Lois Leiseth of Portland,
on; Joan Swanson, Minot, N. Dak.; and Robert Flotten, Stillwater, Minn.

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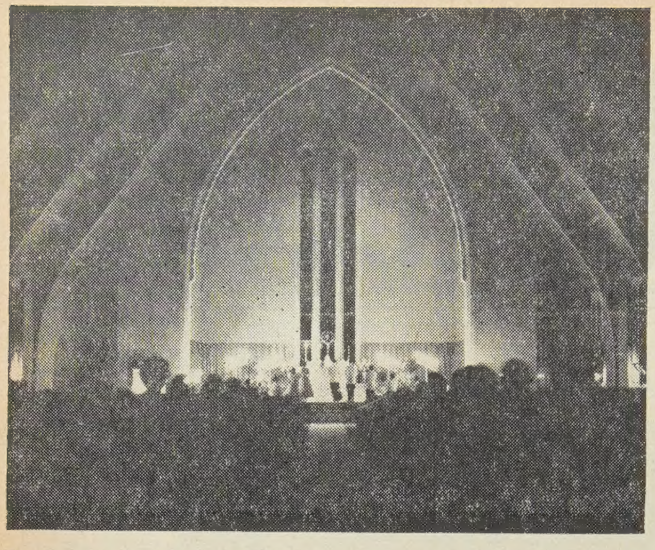
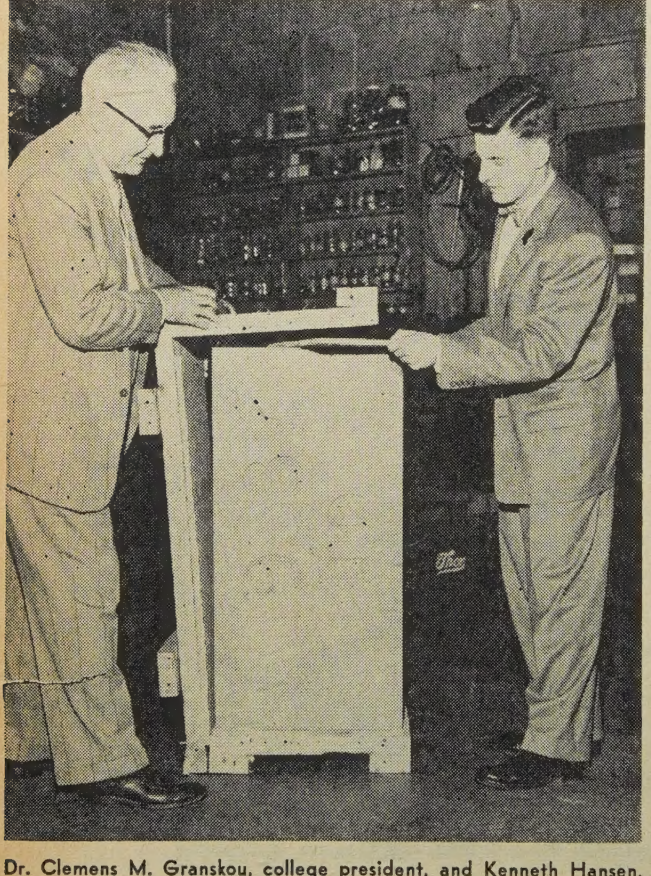


The Boe Memorial Chapel has become a popular site for marriage ceremonies of recent St. Olaf graduates. The wedding pictured took place in the summer of 1953 before the chapel had been completed.

One of the most impressive sights during the construction of chapel was the raising of the cross to its spot at the front of chapel roof. Here the giant crane is shown with the workmen re to guide the stone cross into place.



Dr. Clemens M. Granskou, college president, and Kenneth Hansen, Milwaukee, student congregation president, look at the still-crated cornerstone which arrived in the spring of 1953 from Trondheim, Norway. The stone is from the Nidaros Cathedral at Trondheim, where Norway's patron saint, King Olaf Haraldsson, is enshrined. The stone has engraved on it the coat of arms of St. Olaf, and his battle cry, Fram, Fram, Kristmenn, Krossmenn, which has become the motto of the college named after him.

Dr. C. M. Granskou conducts the liturgy at the first Baccalaure service in the new chapel. Dr. Gaylerd Falde, president of California District of the ELC, was the speaker. Immediately af the service, dedication ceremonies were conducted with Dr. J. Aasgaard officiating.

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tudent Worship

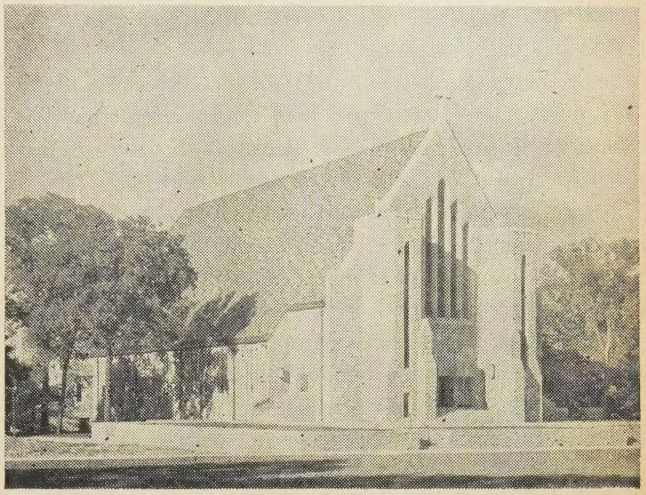
dication of Boe Memorial Chapel on Sunday, June 6, mediately following the 1954 Baccalaureate services, ught to a realization the hopes and dreams of many erations of St. Olaf College alumni and students. e chapel fills a place at the center of the campus, pty since 1923 when Hoyme Chapel was destroyed fire.

Construction of the new chapel was started a few s after Commencement in June, 1952. The corner- ne was laid in place at the 1953 Commencement exer- s, and the first service was conducted October 25, 3, during homecoming weekend.

Gifts which made construction of the chapel possible ne from more than 60,000 people. Additional gifts now being received for specific memorials such as ndows, altar, pulpit, and other necessary parts of the apel equipment. During the years between the loss of yme Chapel and the completion of Boe Memorial apel, the college's daily worship services were con- cted in the gymnasium, and the students attended nday worship services at St. John's Lutheran Church Northfield.

Along with the plans for the new chapel came the ganization three years ago of the St. Olaf Student ngregation with its own full-time pastor.

. Lars W. Boe, whose name is memorialized in the w chapel, was the fourth president of St. Olaf College. e was born December 27, 1875, at Calumet, Michi- n. He was educated at St. Ansgar Seminary and the ited Church Seminary before entering St. Olaf as a shman in 1894. After receiving his bachelor of arts gree from St. Olaf College in 1898, he attended the ited Church Seminary, where he eived his C. T. degree in 1901. s first pastorate was at Lawler, va. In 1904 he was called to For- City, Iowa, to become president Waldorf College, where he re- ined until 1915. While president



Boe Memorial Chapel

of Waldorf, he also served from 1909 to 1911 as a member of the Iowa State House of Representatives and from 1913 to 1915 as a member of the Iowa State Senate. He served as general secretary of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church from 1915 to 1917, and as general secretary of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Education of the newly-formed Norwegian Lutheran Church of America (now The Evangelical Lutheran Church) from 1917 to 1918.

In 1918 he was called to become president of St. Olaf College, a post which he held until his death in 1942. He received an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1921 from Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, and an honorary LL.D. from Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio in 1924. In 1926 he was presented the Order of St. Olaf by the King of Norway. Dr. Boe was named a member of the National Lutheran Council in 1922 and a member of the Continuation Committee of the Lutheran World Convention in 1923.

Dr. Boe married Helga Jacobson on August 19, 1909, at Decorah, Iowa. To this union two children were born: Esther, now Mrs. Robert James, living in Aus-

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tralia; and Margaret, now Mrs. Joseph Luthro, of Silverton, Oregon.

The Rev. H. B. Hanson, pastor of the student congregation, turned the first shovel of dirt at groundbreaking ceremonies for the chapel at noon on Sunday, June 1, 1952. Dr. C. A. Mellby, member of the St. Olaf faculty for 51 years, and long-time friend of Dr. Boe, gave a short talk and Dr. C. M. Granskou, college president, presided at the ceremony.

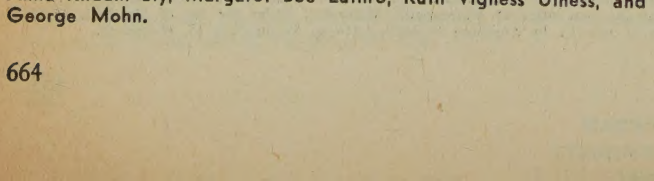
Pastor Hanson also laid the cornerstone at a ceremony a year later, after the 1953 Baccalaureate service on Sunday, June 7. Dr. C. M. Weswig, member of the St. Olaf class of 1895, gave the invocation.

The cornerstone itself, a blue-green soapstone, is from the Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim, Norway, which shelters the shrine of Norway's patron saint, Olaf Haraldsson, credited with bringing Christianity to Norway. The Rev. Bernt Julius Muus, moving force in the founding of "St. Olaf's School," was educated at the Cathedral School in Trondheim, and is now buried in the cathedral churchyard.

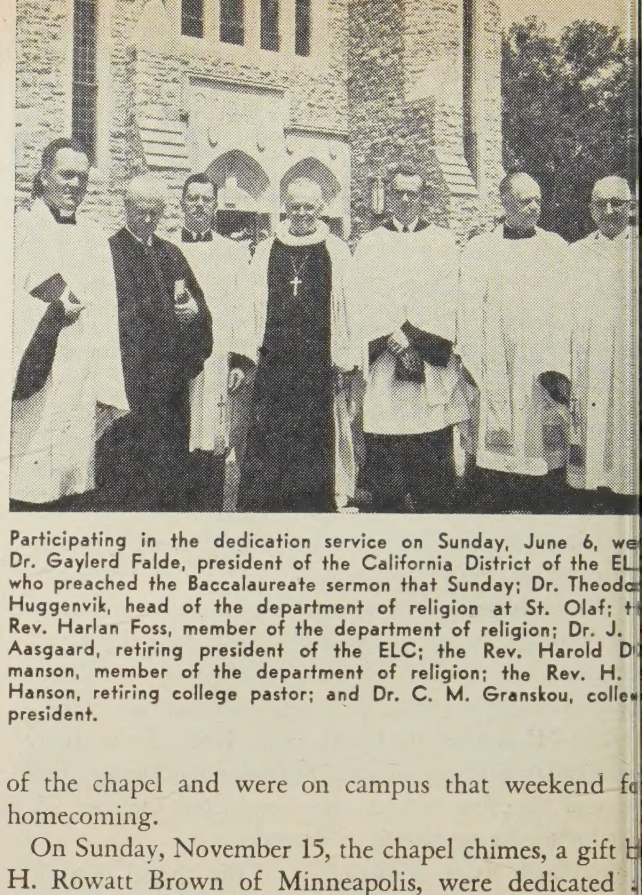
Included in the cornerstone are a biography of Dr. Boe, a history of St. Olaf College, and a list of the Sunday school children of The Evangelical Lutheran Church who gave contributions toward construction of the chapel.

Another stone with historical significance has been placed in the bell tower. That stone was saved from the debris after the fire which destroyed Hoyme Chapel.

The first worship service in Boe Memorial Chapel was conducted Sunday, October 25, 1953, for the benefit of alumni who had given much toward the financial cost



All living children of past presidents at St. Olaf were invited to attend the dedication as special guests. The familes of all four former presidents were represented. Left to right: Ray Mohn, Anna Kildahl Bly, Margaret Boe Luthro, Ruth Vigness Ulness, and George Mohn.



Participating in the dedication service on Sunday, June 6, we Dr. Gaylerd Falde, president of the California District of the EL who preached the Baccalaureate sermon that Sunday; Dr. Theodo Huggenvik, head of the department of religion at St. Olaf; t Rev. Harlan Foss, member of the department of religion; Dr. J. Aasgaard, retiring president of the ELC; the Rev. Harold D manson, member of the department of religion; the Rev. H. Hanson, retiring college pastor; and Dr. C. M. Granskou, colle president.

of the chapel and were on campus that weekend fo homecoming.

On Sunday, November 15, the chapel chimes, a gift b H. Rowatt Brown of Minneapolis, were dedicated a brief service which preceded the first service of Spiri ual Emphasis Week. Mr. Brown presented the colleg with a set of chimes in memory of his sister, Elizabet Gertrude Brown.

Dedicatory services for the main chapel bell wer conducted on Sunday, March 28, with the Rev. Tenne C. Thompson, a graduate of Red Wing Seminary an now pastor at Minnehaha Lutheran Church in Minn apolis, as the speaker.

The 300-pound bell originally hung in the tower c Sande Hall on the Red Wing Seminary campus, wher it remained until 1952 when it was brought to St. Ola for installation in the new chapel. The arrival of th bell on the St. Olaf campus followed by 35 years th uniting of the college department of Red Wing Sem nary and St. Olaf College. The union, in 1917, cam as the result of the merger of three church bodies, th Hauge's Synod, (which sponsored the Red Wing School), the United Norwegian Lutheran Church (which sponsored St. Olaf), and the Norwegian Synod Church.

Dedication services for the completed chapel were conducted after the Baccalaureate services on Sunday June 6, 1954, with Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, president of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, officiating. Dr. Aasgaard and Dr. Boe were close associates and warm personal friends for many years. Special guests at the dedication

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Merger—The Road Ahead

THE FIRST OF TWO EDITORIALS

As we stated in last week's editorial, it seems best to outline as clearly as possible the present status and future probabilities in the matter of merger. Because of the abbreviated number of pages in LUTHERAN HERALD at present, the editor feels that he should confine himself to one page a week. Since that is too little space to say the things which need to be said, we shall spread this editorial over two successive issues.

The convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Church made its will known so emphatically that any lingering doubts any one may have had as to whether our Church wants this merger have been effectively and, we are sure, permanently dispelled. As we indicated in our convention story, our feeling was that the adoption of the resolutions could well have proceeded in more leisurely fashion. We have felt all along that at least two of them (II and V) should have been voted on by ballot in order that opposition could be clearly registered. We also believed that III, b, should be substituted for III, a, with ample opportunity for referring to the Joint Union Committee any matters connected with the *Report* which should have further study.

However, the convention did as it pleased, and what it pleased to do was to adopt all the resolutions by voice vote and without further discussion. If there was (as we heard intimated by a few people) any "railroading," it was the convention itself that did it, and the convention under God and limited by the Constitution, is supreme in its own affairs. It simply cannot be questioned that the will of the convention was clearly and unmistakably expressed. In a gathering so representative, it certainly appears that the convention spoke the will of the membership of the Church at large.

The convention also provided for a Union Committee to carry on. The Committee on Elections faced a peculiar situation when it came to submitting nominations for that committee. Three of the most valuable men (will anyone resent it if we say the three most valuable men?) on the committee are now or will be when the Joint Union Committee meets in November in retirement: Dr. Aasgaard, Dr. Gullixson, and Dr. Lavik. Dr. Aasgaard did not feel that he should remain a member of the committee but did consent to accepting advisory status. The Committee on Elections did nominate both Dr. Gullixson and Dr. Lavik and they were re-elected. Thus these men, who in all probability know more about the intricacies of inter-synodical relationships in general and this merger movement in particular than almost any others in the ELC, will be able to exert the leadership in the future which has made them so invaluable in the past. Another parish pastor was added in the person of Dr. C. K. Preus of Fergus Falls, Minn. The chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Elmer E. Abrahamson of Chicago, was added, presumably because the coming negotiations will include a great many matters having to do with the property of the Church. Our new President was, as a matter of course, elected to the committee and will be its chairman.

Two men who have served faithfully are not on the committee any longer: Mr. Alvin T. Stolen of Duluth, Minn., and Mr. Oscar E. Westberg, Williston, N. Dak. The Church owes these men a debt of gratitude.

There is one matter which is of great importance to our readers and which should be discussed before we go over to the subject of what the Joint Union Committee has been charged to do. We have already mentioned that the convention adopted the "a" form of Resolution III. This means that we as a Church have now adopted the *Report* as it stands with no "ifs" or "buts." The "b" form of this resolution would have listed matters to which it is desired that the Joint Union Committee give further study.

Realizing that there are such matters, Dr. Aasgaard made the suggestion that these be sent to the secretary of the ELC Committee on Polity and Organization. He made his suggestion very broad, to include *any* matters relating to the merger which a member of The Evangelical Lutheran Church feels should be given further study.

We hope that this suggesion from our President will be taken seriously. If you have suggestions for the Joint Union Committee, please send them to O. G. Malmin, 426 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minn. They will be studied by the ELC Committee on Polity and Organization simply to see to it that they are so worded as to be in accord with the resolutions the convention has adopted and will then be turned over to the ELC Union Committee for transmission to the Joint Union Committee.

Next week we shall go into some detail as to the mandate under which the Union Committee will now be working, in order that some idea may be given as to what the two coming years may be expected to bring.

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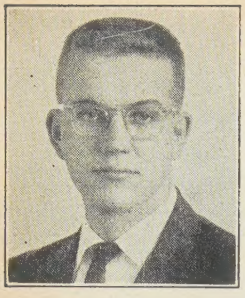

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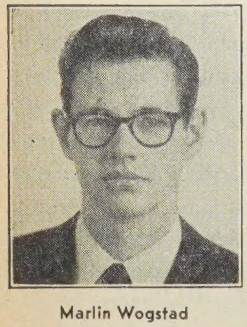

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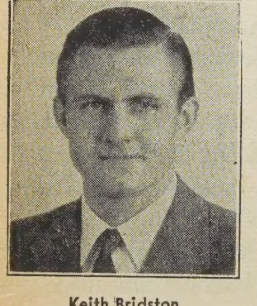

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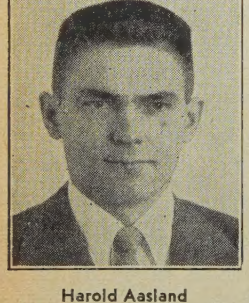

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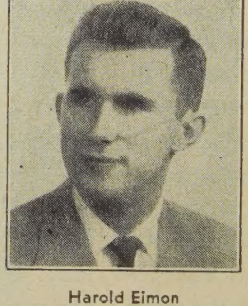

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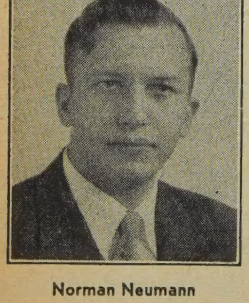

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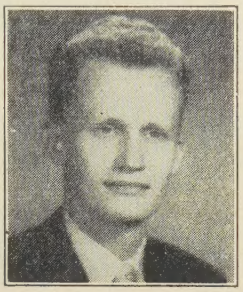

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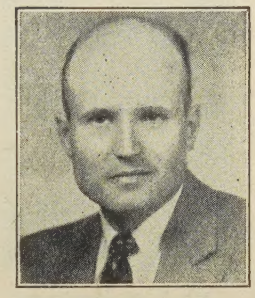

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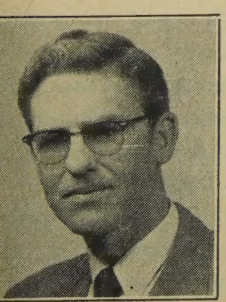

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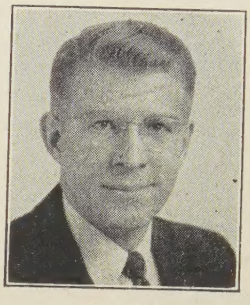

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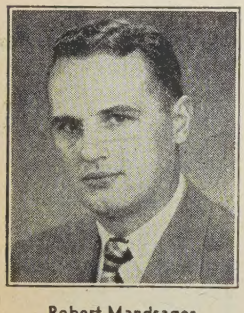

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For Student Worship

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were children of former presidents of St. Olaf, and r tives of Dr. Boe. Included were Margaret Boe Luth daughter of Dr. Boe, and the Rev. Andrew Boe a Mrs. Nellie Boe Satre, brother and sister of Dr. E

During the past year, the chapel has become the fo point of student religious activities on the campus.

Worship services are conducted each Sunday mo ing with the college pastor officiating, and morni chapel services are conducted daily. In addition, chapel is open during the day with organ music duri the noon hour.

The normal 1,500-person seating capacity may be creased to 1,800 on special occasions. In addition, lo speakers are located in the ground floor classrooms, a outdoors, to provide for a much larger audience.

The building itself is 184 feet by 73 feet and includ the office of the college pastor and offices for membe of the department of religion. Four classrooms and assembly room seating 200 are on the ground floor.

The Fundamental Response

Harold B. Kildahl

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
July 18, 1954
Text: John 1:35-51

he forward urge of Christianity is its dominant char-teristic through the years. It is the fundamental re-onse of those who have "found Christ."

It is not necessary that we be concerned with the quence of those who people this text. It matters not eatly whether it was Philip, or Nathanael, Andrew another. The primary fact that grows out of the xt is the forward urge, the forward motion, the con-gion of the faith, the power of the Christ of God to raw men unto Himself."

This leads me to add that there never was such a ing as a "nominal Christian," one who is a Christian name but not in fact. The Scriptural and the logical nclusion is simply this: One is either for or against, her hot or cold, either a believer or an unbeliever, and at where Christ is concerned there is no neutral ound.

Observe, the fundamental response of one who has ound the Christ" is to tell others. Telling others is issionary enterprise whether it be on a personal basis, church-wide basis, a world-wide basis, or whether it foreign or home. The fundamental response to rist is to bring others to Him, or to make more ristians. This is basic to any analysis of the Christian th, and certainly it is basic to the spiritual health of person or the congregation. It has been wisely said at "missions is the life-line of the Church." It has en variously stated that the Church alive is the urch engaged in missionary enterprise, and that the urch that is dead or dying is the Church where mis-nary vision has ceased. We better get it straight— we want to keep the faith and serve the Christ, if want the Kingdom of God to grow and one day me, if we want the Gospel to be preached until every gue shall confess Christ, every knee bow before rist, we better be quick to share the faith, to share Gospel, to share the joy, to share the peace and sal-ion that is ours through Him who gave His life us.

The faith has spread most rapidly and the Church s grown most steadily when men and women who ve "found the Christ" engage in bringing others to m. This is the fundamental response of the Christian, n, now, and always. If this shall end, we fail; if fail, darkness shall "cover the earth" once more. The Christian faith is life's greatest possession, and fundamental response is this: to spread the news Christ and His salvation. Amen.

Keeping Concerned

Raymond M. Olson
Director of Stewardship

During the General Convention there were many persons who showed their concern about the Church's work by asking about the receipts of money for the Budget and Lutheran World Action as compared to a year ago. This genuine interest is undoubtedly a reflection of the interest of large numbers of people. We have more and more folks who really know what their Church is doing and want the work to be done as effectively as possible.

Believing that the concern revealed at the Convention is the concern of many others, we report the following:

	1954	
BUDGET, June 22	$1,117,556.36	(37.3%)
LWA, June 22	$ 258,402.01	(38.1%)

	1953	
BUDGET, June 22	$1,106,143.76	(36.9%)
LWA, June 22	$ 271,450.55	(40.0%)

This report makes clear that we are about holding our own with last year in receipts for the Budget. However, we continue to have hopes that income for this work will keep pace with the calendar, which would call for 50% of the total to be in by July 31.

This report also makes clear that we are not holding our own with last year in receipts for Lutheran World Action. This is true in the face of the fact that we are being asked for an additional 10 per cent for LWA this year to help carry out our responsibility as Christian brethren to millions of refugees.

The Church has been called the "fellowship of the concerned." No one intends that only a few shall be concerned, but that this shall characterize all of us. We who are the Church are, by the nature of our relationship to Christ, to show our concern that the whole world of men shall know Him and belong to Him.

Some measure of our "concern" is seen in the program of work outlined in the Church's Budget and in Lutheran World Action. It is our hope, in the Department of Stewardship, that the next few weeks will see all possible funds sent in as proof of the way the Church is carrying these things on her heart! It is easy to assume that the summer months are poor months for income, without doing anything to change the pattern. Let the summer of 1954 prove that the record can be otherwise —that we carry our concern into these weeks too!

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hes

TOWARD THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Epistle: Romans 3:21-31 **The Gospel: Matthew 5:**

Monday, July 19
CAN IT HAPPEN?
Read Romans 8:31-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

The Apostle makes an impressive listing of things that can destroy life and faith. But he assures his readers that these cannot have their way with those who rely on the power of God. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

But, can we be separated from the love of Christ? No, not if God's will rules in our lives. But if we fail to be completely reliant on God, become careless, indifferent, neglect prayer, Bible reading we are asking for trouble. Separation from the love of Christ can happen easily.

The word then is to be watchful. A badly wounded man, after long months, was made well and strong. The day he left the hospital, the staff watched him step onto the street, only to be run down by an automobile. Great care was ruined by carelessness. Let us see that God's love shall not be in vain.

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Tuesday, July 20
REPENT
Read Matthew 21:28-32

"Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you."

Jesus said that these people of bad reputation, rated by others as sinners of the worst sort, were like the first son of the parable. At the beginning they said "No." Their lives said it. They were living in sin. But when they heard the call to righteousness, they repented and said "Yes." The chief priests and the elders of the people were like the second son. The "Yes" they were saying with their lives was, in reality, a plain "No." They were filled with self-righteousness. There wasn't an ounce of repentance in their hearts.

Repentance is what God seeks in everyone. This is the first step that opens the way for God's salvation. By it God reaches His hand into the heart of man and begins His saving work. Where there is repentance, there is faith. Where there is faith, there is life. Where there is continued repentance, faith grows strong, and life bears rich fruit in the kingdom.

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Wednesday, July 21
A RIGHTEOUS MAN
Read Psalm 1

He is like a tree planted by strea water, that yields its fruit in its se and its leaf does not wither. In all he does, he prospers.

There is no life to be compared that of a righteous man. There greater happiness, no greater securit finer call to service, than that which with the life under God. The contra tween this life and that of the ungo as great and as real as the differenc tween the rich green of the riverside the parched deadness of the desert.

If God has led us into the ve pastures of His Kingdom, let us rejo His great love. Let us feed on His and thus prosper in all that we d say. And while we thank Him fo happiness and security that belong because of forgiveness, let us give selves in true service that others also be brought into the same joy. Every we meet people who know no life that of the desert. They need not there and die. They also may be t planted to the streams of water.

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Thursday, July 22
GIVE GOD THE GLORY
Read Acts 14:8-18

"Men, why are you doing this? We also are men, of like nature with you, and bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God. . . ."

Paul and Barnabas made sure that God was given the glory when the man who could not use his feet was healed. The people at Lystra, as yet unacquainted with the power of God and with the miracles God was doing through His workers, were ready to offer a sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas, whom they called Hermes and Zeus. Had they been less than Christian men, they would have permitted the people to "make over them." They would have enjoyed the acclaim and popularity. But being Christian men working for the advance of the kingdom, they used the opportunity to declare the good news of God's love. They were only men, they reminded the people. The miracle they had done was made possible by God.

Every victory, every good accomplishment is a temptation to boast and brag. But Christians remember that all honor, all glory belongs to God alone.

Friday, July 23
THE BIG HURDLE
Read Matthew 19:16-26

"If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

This was the hurdle that the rich young man could not clear. It was asking too much. At least, he thought it was too big a demand. Other things he was able to do, and he said that he had observed them. But when Jesus asked him to separate himself from his possessions, He touched him at the vital point. This he could not do. "He went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions."

There is for everyone some particular thing, some love, some tendency, some devotion that would stand in the way of complete surrender to Christ. He touches men at this very point. In this world, possessions hold sway and manage to pile up around man and bury him. Lust of the flesh likewise holds people away from complete discipleship.

Let Christ lead us to final and full surrender that we may be His followers!

Saturday, July 24
HE WENT HOME
Read Genesis 25:7-10

Abraham breathed his last and di a good old age, an old man and fu years, and was gathered to his peop

So came to a close one hundred seventy-five years of life. It was a life. He was called of God to a li faith. He was asked to leave certain t behind and move toward things couldn't see. He was told strange t and given wonderful promises. He be a friend of God. He underwent tria wrestled with God in prayer, he mistakes, he kept the faith. And a end of it all he was old and full of and rich experience. And he died.

But that was not all. He was "gath to his people." What a beautiful wa say it! His life was over on earth w he was a sojourner, but he went h where he was forever with God and people of God. As with Abraham, so is it with all people of true Chri faith. Whether life be short or long, t ridden or trouble-free, it is rich and c with going home.

Point our sojourning toward The God.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

K MILLION EXPECTED VACATION SCHOOLS

arly six million children will be rolled in vacation church schools in U. S. and Canada this summer, ording to a spokesman for the Nanal Council of Churches. The NCC s recently made a survey of Protesit and Eastern Orthodox denominans.

Enrollment in the last ten years has arly doubled, according to the rt, while the number of schools has reased from about 55,000 in 1947 an estimated 100,000 for 1954. Well er 25,000 teachers will take part in s year's schools.

National Council surveys indicate it a majority of the vacation schools ll be held for two weeks in the early nmer, mostly on a local church basis hough interdenominational schools offered in some communities. ere is an increasing emphasis on ching out to the children of unurched parents, training to help parts continue their children's Christian ucation in the home after the vacan school, and efforts to make chilen appreciate what their church ans to them.

OUTHERN BAPTISTS NDORSE COURT DECISION

ne readiness of the Churches in the uth to stand back of the recent Sueme Court decision on segregation races gained new strength when annual meeting of the Southern ptist Convention overwhelmingvoted to do so. With about 10,000 legates at the meeting, only about 0 delegates voted against the action. he resolution urged acceptance of the ling "in the spirit of Christ."

The decision of the Supreme Court s recognized as being "in harmony th the constitutional guarantee of ual freedom to all citizens and with Christian principles of equal jusand love for all men." It urged ur people and all Christians to conct themselves in this period of adtment in the spirit of Christ; that we pray that God may guide us in our thinking and our attitudes toward the end that we may help and not hinder the progress of justice and brotherly love; that we may exercise patience and goodwill in the discussions that must take place, and give a good testimony to the meaning of Christian faith and discipleship."

The resolution called on Christian statesmen and leaders "to use their leadership in positive thought and planning to the end that this crisis in our national history shall not be made the occasion for new and bitter prejudices, but a movement toward a united nation embodying and proclaiming a democracy that will commend freedom to all peoples."

UPHOLD CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

It is not particularly newsworthy that some group of people belonging to a Christian Church should be against capital punishment, for there are many who have come to hold such a view. It is noteworthy, however, when a Christian group affirms its approval of capital punishment. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada did just that at its annual meeting.

The resolution which came from the committee on evangelism and social action was adopted by a vote of 180 to 20. The report of the committee said: "The State is given this right (of capital punishment) as the minister of God. This is not a matter of private vengeance or public violence but the manifestation of the divine wrath and judgment through God's civil servant, the State. The magistrate wields the power of the sword as the representative of God for the punishment of evildoers and the protection of the community."

"The abolition of capital punishment in a sinful society would have the effect of rendering insecure the lives of men and women made in the image of the sovereign God, while encouraging contempt of the law."

"UNDER GOD"

The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States now reads, "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all," as the result of a Joint Resolution by Congress. President Eisenhower, when he signed the resolution, stated: "From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty."

"To anyone who truly loves America, nothing could be more inspiring than to contemplate this rededication of our youth, on each school morning, to our country's meaning. Especially is this meaningful," the statement said, "as we regard today's world. Over the globe, mankind has been cruelly torn by violence and brutality and, by the millions, deadened to mind and soul by a materialistic philosophy of life. Man everywhere is appalled by the prospect of atomic war. In this somber setting, this law and its effects today have profound meaning. In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's powerful resource, in peace or in war."

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Concern has been expressed over the condition of the famous Church of St. Sophia in Istanbul, considered the world's finest example of Byzantine art. Excessive dampness has weakened some of the main supports of the church which was built by Justinian the Great and dedicated in 538 A.D. . . . Pope Pius XII, speaking in five languages, inaugurated Eurovision, a television hook-up of eight European countries. An estimated 8,000,000 to 20,000,000 viewers in Great Britain, Belgium, Denmark, France, West Germany, Holland, Italy, and Swizerland watched the Roman Catholic leader during a fifteen-minute appearance.

Schools and Colleges

Edited by the Division of Higher Educ

SUMMER SESSIONS AT OUR COLLEGES

The enrollment figure for the first summer session at *Luther College* has reached 251, according to Dr. O. W. Qualley, registrar. This total tops last year's number by thirty and is the largest registration since the post-war peak.

The majority of those in attendance are teachers renewing certificates and students fulfilling requirements toward their degrees. A check of the geographical statistics reveals that the registrants represent seven states and three foreign countries—Indonesia, Nigeria, and Colombia.

The guest instructors for the first session include Mrs. Hannah Tawzer, Highland Park, Ill., who is teaching elementary education school methods and reading; Prof. Finn Glambek, visiting instructor from Bergen, Norway, who, is teaching history; Mrs. Stanley Johnston, instructor in children's literature.

Several guest instructors are members of the summer school faculty at *Augustana College,* according to Dr. I. B. Hauge, dean of the college.

Teaching for the summer sessions at Augustana are Dr. Avon Dryer, of the University of South Dakota business education department; Mrs. Robert Dahl, Augustana graduate of 1949; Miss Gladys Norton, a teacher in the Sioux Falls public schools; Robert Blake, director of visual aids in Sioux Falls; and Mrs. Floyd Hurd, who is teaching kindergarten methods.

Teaching for the second term, which begins July 12 and ends August 14, will also be Mrs. Walter Person, elementary supervisor in the Sioux Falls public schools. She has taught at Augustana previously.

Regular instructors at Augustana who are teaching during the summer sessions include Palmer Eide in the field of art; Elliot A. Thoreson, business education; Miss Hilda Dahl, elementary education; Clifford J. Olson, music; Miss Myrtle Spande, physical education; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schlicht, education; Gordon S. Froiland, biology; Dr. Donald Fryxell, English; Mrs. Ruth Stenseth, Modern languages; Dr. Paul Nagel and Dr. Karl Meyer, history; Miss Selma Hogenson, library science; Dr. John Froemke, chemistry; V. Ronald Nelson, physics; F. O. M. Westby, sociology; Miss Verona Rogness, organ; and Richard J. Guderyahn, band.

Directing the four-year nursing program classes is Mrs. H. T. Cashman. A mental hygiene seminar course is taught by Harry Aasved, Dr. Roy C. Knowles, and Richard Vornbrock of the Minnehaha County Mental Health Center.

Two hundred and forty-four students are enrolled for the first session, which began on June 7 and ends July 10.

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The summer session at *Concordia College* began June 8 and will end on July 30, according to Dr. Dorothy Olsen, dean of women.

Courses being offered are in the fields of elementary education, secondary education, physical education, teacher driver education, art, English, German, geography, history, music, philosophy political science, psychology, sociology and speech. There are also two special workshops in art and music.

FACULTY NEWS NOTES

Two men of *St. Olaf College* in Northfield became recipients of the Medal of St. Olaf recently. Presentation of the medals, ordered by King Haakon VII of Norway, was made by Th. Siqveland, consul general for Norway in Minneapolis.

The two men are Dr. Martin Hegland, who retired last fall from his post as promotion director of the college radio station, and Dr. P. G. Schmidt, who for fifty years was manager of the college's musical organizations and a primary instigator of the European tours made by the St. Olaf choirs and bands.

Dr. Hegland and Dr. Schmidt became the eighth and ninth members of the St. Olaf College faculty to re the St. Olaf medal, which is n after King Olaf, Norway's p saint. The medal was originate 1939 by King Haakon and is giv persons outside Norway who shown an intense interest in N gian culture.

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Miss Frida R. Nilsen, associate fessor of English at *Concordia Co* has been awarded the Fredric Sc Fellowship from the American Sc navian Foundation of New York year's study at the University of Norway. She has been given a of absence and will sail for Osl August. Her work wil consist m in research for the purpose of cre writing.

Miss Nilsen, a graduate of St. College, has served in the mi schools in China for seven years. biography of Viola Eid, a blind who graduated from Concordia years ago, was published under title, *Eyes of Understanding.*

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Dr. Elmar E. Leppik, professo biology at *Augustana College* and nent natural scientist, will soon l on his second trip to San Salvado study insect and plant life in the t ics. He will study under and be fi cially supported by the Internati Tropical Research Institute, whic affiliated with the University of Salvador and the San Salvador gov ment.

Dr. Leppik plans to continue study which he started last sum concerning pollinating insects and t relationship to flowering plants. research will require numerous exp tions into the tropical jungles of Salvador. The institute will pro Dr. Leppik with jeeps, equipment, four guides and assistants. Each pedition usually takes about five d Dr. Leppik states that the succes his research is very dependent u the outcome of the political strug in that part of the world.

ɔrrespondence

THE BIBLE SOCIETY SAYS THANKS

ɔw pleased we in this department were to see the June lition of your paper, LUTHERAN HERALD, with the very display you have made of the Bible Society's new e, *Our Bible—How It Came to Us*. We certainly :ciate your co-operation. I hope you will be able to ıis picture soon.

Very truly yours,
ELIZABETH JAY HUSTED
Publicity Department
American Bible Society

LET US CONTINUE AS FREE MEN

e have just closed a wonderful convention. We thank for a Church where members, twenty-five hundred g, can gather in convention to discuss freely all matters ng to the work of our beloved Church.

us continue being free. Let no one accuse others of cing the work of the Church just because they venture te their convictions on matters before the convention. e merger or any other question before us is so frail s not stand some free discussion and investigation for the ropes are shaken so it all falls to ruin, then it ves us as Christian men to study such matters carefully. rs has always been a Church where full freedom has every member's privilege. Our beloved President has 's wanted it so at conventions. Let us continue being

(THE REV.) G. J. OSTREM
Joliet, Ill.

THE LODGE PROBLEM

ıave followed the discussions on church merger with st. My impressions from these discussions and from news concerning the Church is that her heart is l. Occasionally, however, I feel anxiety over the pos- y that there may be unsuspected weaknesses in the of the Church. In the midst of the successes and ngs and growth of recent years we are continually ıding ourselves to be on guard against sinful pride. o long as this self-caution remains a generality, is it uite painless?

e matter that I am concerned about is the *lodge prob-* Because of my distance from the home Church I am ı direct contact with it, of course. Idolatry as I have it in this land of Japan has aroused my concern. I to see how the compromise with idolatry in past es on the part of the Christian Church has weakened ower of the Church. It is my impression that to this large part of the Church in Japan retains much of ɔirit of compromise. I have read confessions made by ıs pastors and leaders that they repented of this. not think that the Church has made any statement lly, however, of having repented.

every candidate for Baptism we ascertain and require ɔllowing: (1) disassociation from the god shelves and family shrines in the home; (2) refraining from worship at shrines and temples. From that time on, when the candidate rejects idolatry and chooses Christ, he is to be built up and edified in the body of Christ. One aspect of this is that he will become increasingly conscious of the Communion of Saints, the world-wide fellowship of the Christian Church. He will become acquainted with our own ELC in America, which was the Church that brought the Gospel to him. In that acquaintance will come mutual blessings. Will it also bring occasions of stumbling? When he discovers that lodge members are in some cases members of our churches what will he think? There is much more reason for him to cling to idolatrous customs than for a church member in America to trifle with the idolatry of lodgery. For example, the Japanese Christian has had to give up certain observances in regard to the dead because they are idolatrous. This in turn endangers his standing in the community. And because of the overpopulation problem he is much more dependent upon the community than we are in the spacious land of America.

How do we deal with the problem of the lodge? A pastor safeguards the purity of the Church by keeping the lodge on the outside. What then of the pastor who succeeds him and lets down the bars? The lodge problem was discussed somewhat in the merger proposals, was it not? Will the merger, if effected, result in a weakened or strengthened position against the lodge?

In the April 27 issue of LUTHERAN HERALD there was an editorial on the Marian Year, a manifestation of idolatry in the Roman Church. We all recognize the existence of idolatry in foreign lands. We recognize it and call attention to it when we see it in communions outside of our own. Let us also recognize those forms of idolatry which endanger us from within our own communion!

I propose the following: (1) the lodge problem is dealt with in Pastoral Theology at the seminary; and this should be continued; (2) disciplining of pastors who let down the barriers; (3) scrutiny on this point at the time of Baptism and admission to church membership.

(THE REV.) NORMAN I. OLSON
Missionary in Japan

The Correspondence page is intended to be an open forum for the use of our readers. The views expressed on this page are those of the writers, with which the editor may or may not agree. Brief letters on pertinent subjects are invited. It goes without saying that nothing contrary to the teaching of the church will be accepted.

At Church Away From Home

JUDSON R. DICKS

In church today I thought of home;
"Apostles' Creed" was read the same;
The Prayer to Christ and His great fame,
Its closing . . . begged in Holy Name;
"Doxology" sung slow in time—
A little child put in a dime.
And at Communion . . . down the aisle,
The same expressive home-town smile.

Within the E.L.C.

LADIES' AID FOUNDER HONORED ON FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

At a service held May 12 in First Lutheran Church, Sandpoint, Idaho, to commemorate the founding fifty years ago of its Ladies' Aid society, special recognition was given Mrs. Anna Johnson, founder and only living charter member of the society. The Rev. J. F. Masted, pastor of the church, paid tribute to the devoted work of Mrs. Johnson throughout a half-century and presented her with a Bible, bound in white leather, as a gift from the society. In the accompanying picture Mrs. Johnson is seen holding this new Bible in her hands. As a young woman, married only a few years earlier, Mrs. Johnson came to Sandpoint some fifty years ago; she very soon began to interest her neighbors in organizing a Ladies' Aid, which proved the beginning of the congregation to which it now belongs.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS FOR PASTORS

A. L. Abrahamson, Augustana Academy, Canton, S. Dak. (8-1-54)

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O. L. Bolstad, 710 8th St. So., Brainerd, Minn. (6-15-54)

W. H. Braaten, Watrous, Sask., Canada (7-26-54)

C. M. Grindland, 402 E. 9th Ave., Webster, S. Dak. (6-23-54)

Alton C. O. Halverson, 1538 Fulham St., St. Paul 8, Minn. (6-15-54)

Donald E. Hetzler, 122 E. Church St., Iowa City, Iowa (8-15-54)

W. M. Holtan, Los Palmas Ave., Patterson, Calif. (9-1-54)

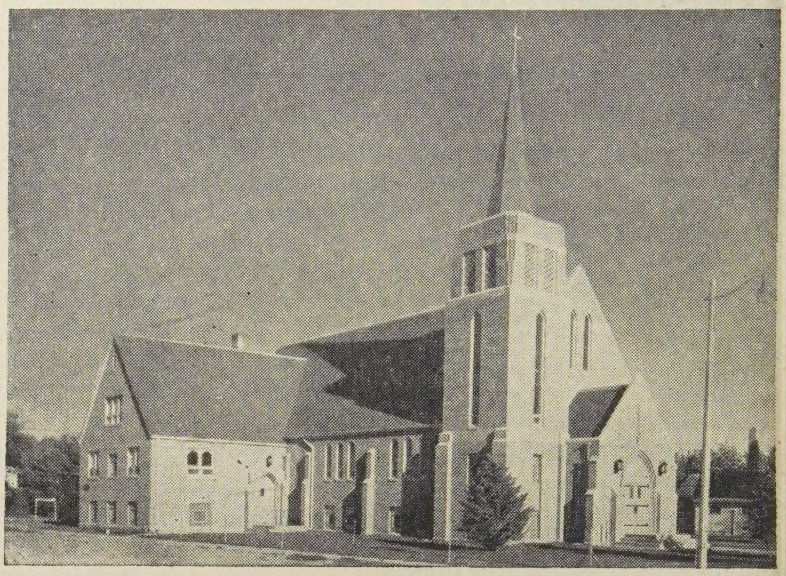
Haakon O. Olson, 1220 3rd Ave. NW, Moose Jaw, Sask., Canada (6-20-54)

John Larsgaard, Hq. 79th Eng. Bn. (Const.), APO 301, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif. (5-29-54)

Engebret C. Midboe, 6227 No. 22nd St., Arlington, Va. (6-10-54)

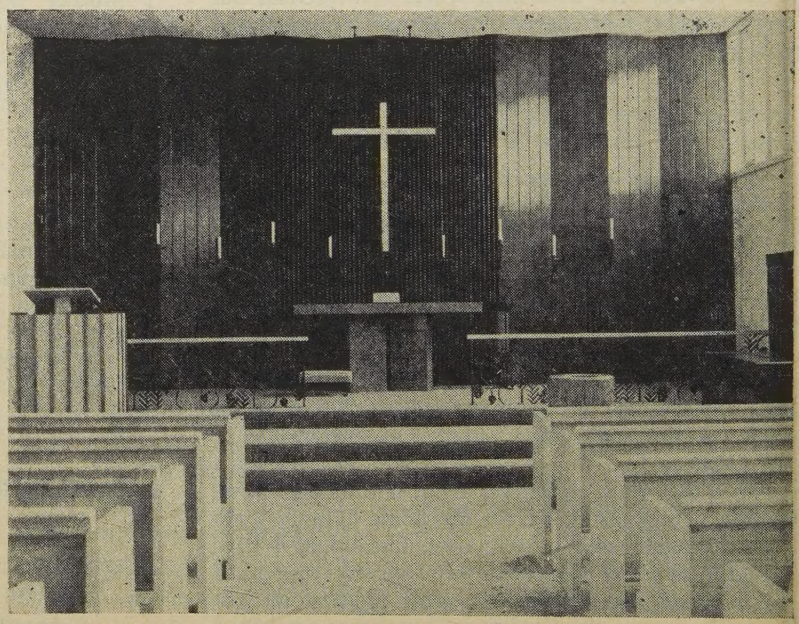
J. A. E. Naess, c/o Solheim Luth. Home, Room No. 2, Eagle Rock, Calif. (6-1-54)

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, BOTTINEAU, N. DAK.



Pictured above is First Lutheran Church at Bottineau, N. Dak., dedicated some time a The indebtedness on it, $25,000, has been retired entirely by free will offerings gifts. During the past three years the membership of the congregation has advanced fi about 500 to more than 800. Future plans include the installation of a new pipe or Early in June a new parish worker, Miss Clarice Bergh of Volga, S. Dak., was added to staff. The Rev. Erling R. Estrem is pastor of the parish.

DEDICATION OF NEW WISCONSIN CHURCH



Replacing an earlier structure destroyed by fire, the new church edifice of Amherst Chur Amherst, Wisconsin, was dedicated Sunday afternoon, May 2, by Dr. E. C. Reinerts president of the Southern Minnesota District, who from 1928 to 1934 served as pastor the parish. Three other men who had in earlier years served the congregation took p in the service: Pastor G. A. Sundby, Finn Magelssen, and H. M. Blegen, the last nam also preaching at the morning and evening worship of the congregation. The new chu is of contemporary functional architecture and contains facilities for the various forms congregational activity. The accompanying picture of the church's interior directs attent to the marble altar and the cross of mosaic tile above it. Pastor of the Amherst parish the Rev. Selmer C. Knutson.

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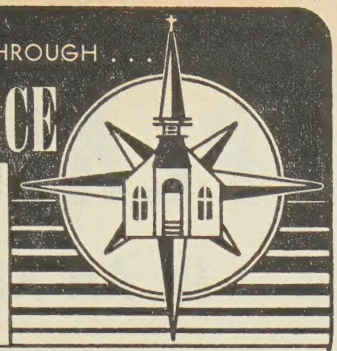

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r sale—240 acre, well developed farm in rts County, South Dakota, not far from town. Best of soil, nearly all under cultivation. Fair set of buildings. Strong Lutheran community. 369-10A

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Small year around modern home for sale on Green Lake, 1¼ miles from Chisago City, Minnesota. 369-12B

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Greenhouse and nursery for sale in county seat town, Grant County, Minnesota. Four bedroom home attached, all automatic heat. Equipment included plus 1950 pickup truck. Grossing over $15,000 per year. Price, $20,000. Terms. Lutheran community. 369-13C

Quonset building, 32x48, for sale in small central Iowa town. Formerly occupied by farm equipment business. Good opening for implement store as there is none in town. Very good trade territory; consolidated school and Lutheran church. Price, $4,500. 369-14C

For sale—Apartment house with attractive quarters for owner for sale in Rochester, Minnesota. Price, $16,500. 369-15C

For sale—Plastic manufacturing and fabricating shop in Pacific Northwest town of 50,000 in Washington. 5 Lutheran churches. 369-16C

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ELC staff member needs three-bedroom home near ELC church in Minneapolis. 369-17B

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Young girl, with five years' experience, desires employment in dental office. 369-19D

Single, student organist desires church position in Twin Cities. Would also consider directing choir. Studied at University of South Dakota, and has experience in church work. 369-20E

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Registered nurse needed for Children's Home in suburban Chicago. 369-21F

Supervisor wanted for Crippled Children's Home in North Dakota. Start at the beginning of school term. Must have patience, understanding, and love for children. 369-22F

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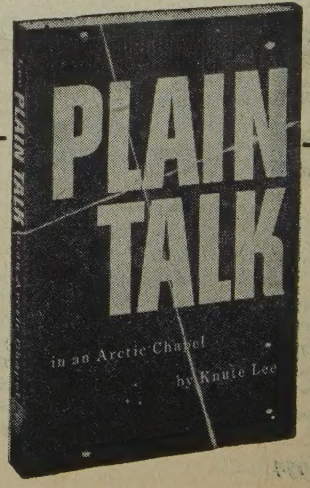

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